



Belt & Road Initiative Quarterly (BRIQ) celebrates its first year

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The Belt and Road Initiative Quarterly (BRIQ) has published four issues by the time this report was finalized. This report marks the first year of our journal.

Our first issue features a document entitled “The Principles of Publication”, where we describe the purpose of our journal as follows:

“BRIQ assumes the task of providing a direct exchange of opinions and information among Chinese and Turkish academics, intellectuals, and policy-makers. In the meantime, this journal will serve as a platform to bring together the intellectual accumulation of the whole world, especially developing countries, based on the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which presents a historic opportunity for the common future of humanity.

BRIQ is also devoted to publishing research and other intellectual contributions that underline the transformative power of public-driven economies, where popular interests are upheld as the basic principle, ahead of individual profit. The fundamental tasks of BRIQ are to demonstrate how BRI can contribute to the implementation of this public-driven model, and to help potential BRI partners, including Turkey, to realize their real potential.

BRIQ stands for the unity of humanity and a new, fair world order. It will therefore be a publication for the world’s distinguished intellectuals, especially those from Eurasia, Africa, and the Americas: the defenders of a new civilization rising from Asia based on peace, fraternity, cooperation, prosperity, social benefit, and common development.”

Moreover, we have re-asserted our defining vision and mission in a recent press release preceding the publication of our first issue: “We have one significant difference that distinguishes us from other journals: BRIQ aspires to become a center of intellectual attraction on a global scale, whose role will

be to produce innovative ideas on how the developing world's demand of for a fair world order can be met! We aim to become a platform where the efforts of Turkish intellectuals –as part of a leading country in the Asian Age– will prove decisive! Our intention is to offer a constructive, constitutive and progressive rather than passive, contemplative, merely critical, and blindly oppositional approach! We are also interested in initiating a sustained dialogue that brings together academics, politicians, and the business world on the matter of possibilities and opportunities offered by the Belt & Road Initiative.

As developing countries, we testify to the development of a global trend that affects each one of us: a profound shift in the global balance of powers and the rise of an Asian Age on the ruins of the Atlantic-centered world order. What we are witnessing today are also the birth pains of a new World order, which will be felt in the coming decades. The era of “Pax Americana” is over. We are passing through a period in which regional alliances among developing countries have become a decisive factor in world politics.

As developing countries, we all face similar problems. Intellectuals from Asia, Africa and Latin America devote efforts to resolving these problems, but their access to information and knowledge about other parts of the developing world is often filtered through Atlantic-based lenses. In these conditions, it is essential for intellectuals from the developing world to meet together as part of a shared platform for exchange of information and knowledge. BRIQ thus responds to the current need for such a platform that allows us to discuss problems and solutions associated with the creation of new world order.

During its first year of existence, BRIQ has published four issues that successfully fulfills its original vision and mission. These issues stand out on account of the uniqueness of its design, the scope of its special issues, the scientific depth of its articles, and the diverse profile of its authors from different countries. Our contributors include academics from prominent universities based in countries such as China, Turkey, Russia, Iran, Mexico, Australia and Germany. Turkey's prominent businesspeople have also contributed to our journal by sharing their own practical knowledge and experience. Our first four issues feature a total of 35 peer-reviewed articles, essays, interviews, and book reviews.



The following is a list of all authors and articles featured in BRIQ's first four issues:

AUTHOR NAME	AUTHOR TITLE	ARTICLE TITLE	ARTICLE TYPE	ISSUE NUMBER
WINTER 2020: THE ROAD TO A FAIR INTERNATIONAL ORDER				
Wang Yi	Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China	Starting a New Journey for High-Quality Development of the Belt and Road	Essay	Winter 2020
Dr. Efe Can Gürcan	İstinye University, Associate Dean of Research and Development for the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences, Head of Political Science and Public Administration and Director of The Center for Belt and Road Studies	Building a Fair World Order in a Post-American Age	Peer-reviewed Article	Winter 2020
Prof. Dr. Semih Koray	Professor at Bilkent University, Department of Economy	The Belt and Road Initiative is Opening up New Horizons	Essay	Winter 2020
Prof. Dr. Ufuk Tutan		Political-Economic Reconfigurations in Global Power Systems: From the 18th Century up Until Today	Peer-reviewed Article	Winter 2020
Dr. Şerif Emre Gökçay	İstanbul University Department of Finance	Building the New Silk Road in the 21st Century: the Belt and Road Initiative from a Sino-Turkish Perspective	Essay	Winter 2020
Dr. Yang Chen	Shanghai University, Department of History	China's Potential Role in the Remaking of Regional Order in the Middle East: Motivations, Opportunities and Challenges	Essay	Winter 2020

Hüseyin Haydar	Poet	The World Needs the Belt and Road, and the Belt and Road Needs Poetry	Essay	Winter 2020
SPRING 2020: THE ROAD TO INTERNATIONAL SECURITY				
Prof. Dr. Degang Sun & Hend ElMahly Mahhoud Sultan	Professor at Fudan University Institute of International Studies & PhD Candidate, Shanghai International Studies University Middle East Studies Institute	China's Participation in the Conflict Resolution in Sudan and South Sudan: A Case of 'Creative Mediation'	Peer-reviewed Article	Spring 2020
Ebru Şahin	PhD Student, Dokuz Eylül University, Department of International Relations	Re-Envisioning Non-Traditional Security in a Multi-Polarizing World: The Case of the SCO	Peer-reviewed Article	Spring 2020
Dr. Yang Chen	Shanghai University, Department of History	The Middle Eastern Security Dilemma and Its Impact on China's Belt and Road Initiative	Essay	Spring 2020
Prof. Dr. Emin Gürses	Yeditepe University, Sakarya University, International Relations Department	The Geopolitics of Separatist Movements in Eurasia	Essay	Spring 2020
Dr. Efe Can Gürcan	Associate Dean of Research and Development for the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences at İstinye University, Head of Political Science and Public Adm. and Director of The Center for Belt and Road Studies	International Security After the Arab Spring: Domestic and International Sources of the Syrian and Libyan Conflicts (2011-2020)	Peer-reviewed Article	Spring 2020
Cem Gürdeniz	Retired RADM	Turkey in the Century of the Sea and Asia	Essay	Spring 2020

Gong Jianhua	Research Assistant, Shanghai University Law School	China's Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia Battle: Responses, Results, and Reflections	Essay	Spring 2020
SUMMER 2020: THE NEW WORLD AFTER COVID-19 TOWARDS AN ERA OF SHARED DEVELOPMENT				
Ethem Sancak	Chairman of BMC Executive Board	The Two Wings of the Asian Eagle, Turkey and China (Interviewer Adnan Akfirat, Chairman of the Board of BRIQ)	Interview	Summer 2020
Cankut Bagana	Chairman of the Board of Directors of Onur Air	If Turkey Defines and Sets the Goals That Will Make A Difference in the World, It Will Benefit From This Crisis! (Interviewer Adnan Akfirat, Chairman of the Board of BRIQ)	Interview	Summer 2020
Prof. Dr. Dominik Pietzcker	Macromedia University of Applied Sciences, Public Relations and Communication's Management	A Decisive Moment of Truth: The COVID-19 Crisis Unveils the Weaknesses of Western Societies and the EU	Peer-reviewed Article	Summer 2020
Prof. Dr. Semih Koray	Bilkent University Department of Economy	Tasks Entrusted to Humanity by the Post-Coronavirus World	Essay	Summer 2020
Dr. Efe Can Gürcan & Dr. Ömer Ersin Kahraman	Asst. Prof. at Istinye University, Department of Political Science and Public Adm. & Asst. Prof. at Istinye University, Department of Sociology	COVID-19 in Historical Perspective: How Disaster Capitalism Fabricates a Fear-Managed World Order?	Peer-reviewed Article	Summer 2020
Dr. Binoy Kampmark	RMIT University, Department of Global, Urban and Social Studies	The Coronavirus Blame Game: The Emergence of Pandemic Lawfare	Peer-reviewed Article	Summer 2020

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Dr. Luis Kato Maldonado & Dr. Guadalupe Huerta Moreno	Metropolitan Autonomous University Department of Economy & Metropolitan Autonomous University Department of Business Administration	COVID-19 and the Hyper-Crisis of Neoliberalism: The Breakdown of Financialization	Peer-reviewed Article	Summer 2020
Dr. Victor Manuel Isidro Luna	National Autonomous University of Mexico, Department of Economy	Ye, M. (2020).The Belt Road and Beyond: State- Mobilized Globalization in China 1998-2018	Book Review	Summer 2020
Emrah Alan	Master's student, Beijing University, Department of History of Chinese Studies	The Views of Chinese Revolutionary Gao Junyu on the Turkish Revolution	Essay	Summer 2020
Prof. Dr. Şeref Ateş	Yunus Emre Institute President	COVID-19 HUB Raises the Awareness of the Entire World Against the Corona Pandemic	Interview	Summer 2020
Dilek Uyar	Photography Artist, Lawyer	After milking, shepherd's effort to bring the herd back to pasture and their dusty journey. (Bitlis).	Photograph	Summer 2020
AUTUMN 2020: THE COMMON COURSE TOWARDS THE MARITIME SILK ROAD				
Dr. Aleksandr Dugin	Russian strategist, Founder of the Russian Geopolitical School and the Eurasian Movement	The Belt and Road Initiative: A Eurasian Road (Interview Fikret Akfırat, Editor-in- Chief of BRIQ)	Interview	Autumn 2020

Prof. Cheng Enfu & Dr. Li Jing	Chinese Academy of Social Science (CASS), Member of Presidium of Academic Divisions, Vice Director and Professor in Chief of Academic Committee of CASS, Director of Institute of Economic and Social Development at CASS & Chinese Academy of Social Sciences	The Global Status Quo and Future of Maritime Cooperation Under the Belt and Road Initiative	Peer-reviewed Article	Autumn 2020
Dr. Ersel Zafer Oral	Margen Marine and Land Research Training Consultancy Services	Asia's Gate to Europe: The North Aegean Port	Peer-reviewed Article	Autumn 2020
Dr. Assadollah Athari & Dr. Ehsan Ejazi	Islamic Azad University Department of Political Science & University of Guilan Department of International Relations	The Belt and Road Initiative in the Shadow of Competition Between China and the US	Peer-reviewed Article	Autumn 2020
Dr. Mehmet Perinçek	Moscow State University, Institute of Asian and African Countries	The Formula of Success and Peace in the Eastern Mediterranean and Southern Caucasus"	Essay	Autumn 2020
Serhat Latifoğlu	Hedge Fund Manager	The Belt and Road Initiative: Economic and Financial Cooperation	Essay	Autumn 2020
Mesud Sadrmoammadi	PhD Student, Hacettepe University, Department of History	The First Book About Atatürk Ever Published in Iran	Essay	Autumn 2020

Serdar Yurtççek	PhD Student, University of International Business and Economics, International Politics	Post-COVID-19 Global System: Old Problems, New Trends, SAM	Book Review	Autumn 2020
Ni Min	Photography Artist	Fujian Hui'an Maiden's Weaving Net	Photograph	Autumn 2020

BRIQ HAS ALSO REACHED THE NERVE CENTERS OF TURKEY'S POLITICAL AND INTELLECTUAL LIFE

BRIQ has been delivered directly to almost 1200 contact centers in Turkey including the Presidency, the Ministries, The Grand National Assembly of Turkey (GNAT), political parties, The Council of Higher Education, Presidencies, research centers, institutes, libraries of Universities, independent research centers, media organizations, and columnists.

C.BŞK.	PRESIDENCY	79
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SİYASİ PARTİLER	POLITICAL PARTIES	16
KURUMLAR	GOV. INSTITUTIONS	255
BELEDİYELER	MUNICIPALITIES	30
ÜNİVERSİTE REKTÖRLÜKLERİ	PRESIDENCIES OF UNIVERSITIES	155
ÜNİVERSİTE KÜTÜPHANELERİ	LIBRARIES OF UNIVERSITIES	78
ARAŞTIRMA MERKEZLERİ	RESEARCH CENTERS	17
KALKINMA AJANSLARI	DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES	25
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İŞ ADAMLARI VE İŞ DÜNYASI	BUSINESS PEOPLE AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	180
MEDYA	MEDIA	107
TOTAL		1222

THE BRIQ TEAM

In the beginning, BRIQ initiated its activities with a core team of five people. In later phases, we have built a permanent team of 50 individuals including Advisory and Editorial Board members, editors from Turkey and China, graphic designers, distributors, and advertisement. Today, the total number of our permanent and guest contributors has exceeded 100 individuals.

Thus, BRIQ as an international platform has mobilized its fullest potential to develop alternative proposals for a new world order and to bring a new set of voices from the developing world into the debate. Moving forward to our second year of existence, we have accelerated our efforts to expand BRIQ's reach to the developing world, not only to China and Turkey, but to Central Asia, East Asia, and even Europe.

The secret of BRIQ's success does not only stem from the intellectual input of our contributors. Even more important is the ability of our executive team to grasp BRIQ's true direction of development and deploy the proper strategies to mobilize our fullest potential in an organized manner.

Nowadays, there occurs a deep ideological and political transformation, not only in Turkey but also across the world. Faced with an imperialist siege, various political segments and groups engaged in a war for homeland in the name of the nation and the state have been experiencing a great "leap of consciousness" in Turkey. At first, this leap has occurred among those who are closely involved in the concreteness of the practical reality, namely businesspeople and politicians. It has been gradually improving to incorporate academia and the intellectual life. One could observe an ever-growing intellectual accumulation within the business world as well as politics and academia, which is geared towards understanding the rise of Asia and the collapse of the Atlantic system, while seeking alternative proposals for the collective future of humanity. However, these efforts have been developing without coordination and mutual interaction. Based on its "Principles of Publication", BRIQ has already taken the first steps to become a global intellectual center, taking special account of the need for such collaborative and coordinated efforts.

COOPERATION WITH UNIVERSITIES

BRIQ has developed close relations and concrete channels of cooperation with universities. BRIQ has made direct contacts with Ufuk University, İstinye University, İzmir University of Economics, Cappadocia University, Yaşar University, İstanbul University, Bilkent University, Yeditepe University, Yeni Yüzyıl University, and Dokuz Eylül University Institute of Marine Sciences and Technology. BRIQ has partnered with The Center for Belt and Road Studies (based at İstinye University, İstanbul), whose director is Asst. Prof. Efe Can Gürcan, and China Studies Center (based at Ufuk University, Ankara). In China, BRIQ has been conducting joint studies with the Academy of Social Sciences, Tsinghua University, Renmin University of China, Shanghai University, Shanghai International Studies University, Fudan University, and Shihezi University. It has launched a joint platform for The BRIQ Working Papers Series as part of The Center for Belt and Road Studies at İstinye University. This new project provides a suitable opportunity for promoting the journal and reaching an increasing number of academics, researchers, and readers.

BECOMING A PROMINENT PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL IN GLOBAL ACADEMIA

BRIQ has already become a high-quality journal that features original and peer-reviewed research articles. BRIQ's calls for papers aroused much interest in global academic platforms and generated a great number of submissions. The number of citations to our articles is fast increasing thanks to BRIQ's accessible website and availability in the Google Scholar database. Our calls for papers yielded a high number of submissions thanks to announcements diffused in online platforms such as H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences Online and the diffusion of our calls within academic communities such as Geopolitical Economy Research Group based at the University of Manitoba School of Economics. These connections were made possible thanks to our access to Asst. Prof. Dr. Efe Can Gürcan's (BRIQ Editorial Board Coordinator) vast professional networks and academic connections.

BRIQ has fulfilled the conditions for becoming an international peer-reviewed journal. At the end of this year, BRIQ will have finalized its applications for prominent academic indexes such as DOAJ. One should note that the dominance of Western-centric approaches in mainstream academia serves to suppress critical perspectives from the developing world and the publication of articles containing such perspectives in prominent journals indexed in global databases. BRIQ aspires to overcome this barrier by becoming a prominent venue for high-quality academic production and dissemination.

ECHOES

BRIQ has received considerable attention and support in both private and public meetings since the very first day of its existence. Adnan Akfırat (Chairman of the Board of BRIQ) hand-delivered BRIQ's first issue to Murat Ülker (Former Chairman of Yıldız Holding), Korhan Kurdođlu (Chairman of the Turkey-China Business Council of DEİK), Dr. Dogu Perincek (Chairman of the Patriotic Party), Advisory Board Members of BRIQ, Selim Yaşar (Chairman of Yaşar Holding), Cankut Bagana (Chairman of the Board of Directors of Onur Air), Ethem Sancak (Chairman of BMC Executive Board), and Prof. Dr. Semih Koray (Chairman of the International Relations Bureau of the Patriotic Party). Each of them conveyed their pleasure and congratulations. Ethem Sancak expressed his excitement and joy about BRIQ's progress, and stated that "as the world of the future is taking shape, there is a growing need to look for new sideways to instill ideas that will lead this transformation".

The Chinese Ambassador to Turkey, Mr. Deng Li, and the Chinese Consul General in Istanbul, Mr. Cui Wei, expressed their appreciation for the journal. Additionally, Advisory Board Members of BRIQ in China (Prof. Cheng Enfu, Prof. Dr. Guo Changgang, Assoc.Prof. Dr. Han Zhimin, Prof. Dr. Sun Degang, Prof. Dr. Yang Guang, Retired Ambassador Wu Keming) presented their congratulations.

Meetings were held with executives of İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality and İzmir Metropolitan Municipality for cooperation prospects with BRIQ. Tunç Soyer (the Mayor of İzmir Metropolitan Municipality), who asserted that İzmir should play an important role in the Belt and Road Initiative, and Mustafa Özuslu (the Deputy Mayor of İzmir Metropolitan Municipality), have both indicated their wishes to jointly cooperate with BRIQ. The İzmir Metropolitan Municipality and BRIQ have reached an agreement-in-principle on jointly organizing the Silk Road Symposium on the

occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Sino-Turkish diplomatic relations to be held in May 2021.

The General Secretary of the Saadet Party personally requested a copy of the first issue of BRIQ. In his meeting with Fikret Akfırat (BRIQ's Editor-in-Chief), Hasan Ali Karasar (the Rector of Cappadocia University) stated that the university is interested in contributing to the journal by engaging its academic units and faculty members. He expressed his opinion that he considered the journal to be a very successful project. Prof. Dr. Recep Gülođlu (the Vice-Rector of İstanbul University, and Umur Tugay Yücel (the Commissioner of Ministry of Justice, political scientists, and writer), are both interested in BRIQ and personally requested copies of the journal.

Prof. Dr. Ümit Özdađ (Chairman of the 21st Century Turkey Institute and Member of Parliament representing İyi Party, former Editor of The "Avrasya Dosyası" Journal, and founder of the Eurasian Center for Strategic Studies) has requested a presentation from the BRIQ team.

BRIQ has also attracted much attention in Turkey since it published its first issue and has been reported in various news in the national and international press.

The following is a list of web links to the news reports mentioning BRIQ:

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